

Weather Forecast  
Local thunder showers Saturday and probably Sunday

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Good Morning—

When men are easy in their circumstances, they are naturally enemies to innovations.—Addison.

## OCKLA WAHA MUST SHOW IT MAKES PROFIT; DEVALERA ACCEPTS CONFAB CONDITIONS

### SUANCE OF CERTIFICATES BY RECEIVER CONTINGENCY

George Bullock Indicates That Proof Must Be Established

### IRING IS CONTINUED

re Testimony Will Be Taken to Prove Profit Is Certain

Special to the News  
Sept. 30.—Declaring that it is necessary to convince the court that the Oklahoma Valley Railroad can be and will be conducted profitably in order that all current taxes, as well as the taxes on the property, may be paid promptly, George Bullock today agreed to taking of evidence to that end. The day's session was ended early at the instance of the witnesses to be on the stand by the petitioners. The hearing was continued until tomorrow.

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### AMERICAN FLEET PUT TO ROUT OFF VIRGINIA BY HOSTILE SQUADRON

Capture of Shore Fortifications Has to Be Abandoned

(By Associated Press.)  
Wilderness, Va., Sept. 30.—The American fleet covering the marines before enemy positions on Wilderness creek was forced to withdraw today when the approach of a strong hostile naval force was signalled. Plans for the capture by assault of the shore fortifications were hastily abandoned and the marine staff was called upon to work out emergency protection for their line of supply and communication to the rear.

All this was provided by the board of strategy which planned the maneuvers now being conducted in the Virginia wilderness. An American battle cruiser squadron was tonight theoretically speeding along the coast to reinforce the covering fleet. It will arrive tomorrow and the program will proceed.

### Grand Goblin of Klan Allowed to Go Home by Jury

(By Associated Press.)  
Cleveland, Sept. 30.—A proposed grand jury investigation into the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Cleveland was called off by County Prosecutor Edward C. Stanton late today after Charles W. Love, grand goblin for Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky and West Virginia, and other district officers voluntarily appeared for examination. The officers were permitted to return to their homes promising to return to Cleveland any time Stanton or other officials desired to renew the investigation.

### Mine Union Heads Go to Jail For a Contempt Penalty

(By Associated Press.)  
Columbus, Kan., Sept. 30.—Alexander M. Howart, president of the Kansas Mine Workers' Union, and August Dorchy, vice president, went to the county jail today to begin serving sentences of six months each for violating the criminal section of the Kansas industrial court law by calling a strike. Tonight announcement was made that the Kansas Mine Workers' Union membership would meet Sunday at Franklin to discuss a voluntary strike throughout the field.

### AUGUSTINE TROLLY A FAILURE

(By Associated Press.)  
St. Augustine, Sept. 30.—The local street car system is a losing proposition to its owners, the Southern Public Utilities Corporation, according to officials of the corporation, and they are willing to make the city a present of the whole outfit.

This was revealed at a meeting recently between officials of the corporation and the city commissioners and also officials of the local street railway company, the St. Johns Electric Company.

### JURY TO TRY POPE SECURED AFTER A TWO WEEKS TRIAL

One Juror Weakened At Last Hour and Was Excused

### TAKE EVIDENCE TODAY

Case Expected to Go to Jury By Monday Of Next Week

(By Associated Press.)  
Jacksonville, Sept. 30.—Hearing of testimony will begin tomorrow in the trial of John H. Pope, local attorney, charged with first degree murder. The selection of a jury, which had taken up the greater part of two weeks' proceedings and exhausted more than 100 veniremen, was completed with dramatic abruptness today. The court was ordered recessed late this afternoon after Judge G. C. Gibbs had instructed the jurors in perfunctory matters.

Earlier in the day a jury had been impaneled when one of the men, F. L. Jackson, slipped a note beneath the door of the jury room and asked that he be reexamined. He had decided, he said, that he could never convict Pope of first degree murder, and he was excused when the state challenged for cause. Comparatively little difficulty was had, however, in selecting a man to take his place.

### Rawlins Main Witness

The state will rely principally, it is understood, on the testimony of Frank Rawlins, awaiting trial for the killing of George H. Hickman, local theatre manager, when Rawlins robbed the theatre on its opening night, September 4. An alleged confession by Rawlins implicating Pope brought him to trial as the alleged master mind in the robbery.

Irvin Novitzky, whom a grand jury investigated in connection with the case, but found no true bill, is being held also as a material witness. In an effort to support the testimony of these two the state is expected to introduce five other witnesses who are expected to give circumstantial evidence.

### Defense Plans Secret

The defense has maintained a strict secrecy as to its plans. The defendant responding to inquiries at his witnesses replied that he would most certainly be one of them. He is considered as an able criminal lawyer and his taking the stand is a source of considerable interest. It is believed that the taking of testimony will hardly occupy more than a day, with indications that the case will go to the jury Monday.

The jury that will try Pope is made up of men of a wide range of vocations as follows: two farmers, a blacksmith, plumber, mason, candy manufacturer, naval stores operator, telephone switchboard operator, grocery clerk, real estate agent, buyer for a dry goods house and another who is associated with the state marketing bureau.

### HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SWAMPS PALMETTO FOOTBALL ELEVEN

(By Associated Press.)  
Tampa, Sept. 30.—Hillsborough High School's football team romped away in this afternoon's game with Palmetto High, winning all the way by the lop-sided score of 38 to 0.

Central Avenue. The company was willing to extend its service to St. Augustine Beach if it were permitted to discontinue the service in the city. The officials explained, and followed with an offer to turn the city lines over to the city to be disposed of as it saw fit.

The city commissioners took the points brought out at the meeting under advisement with a view to taking further action on the question in the near future.

### COMMUNIST MEMBER OF REICHSTAG IS ONLY OBJECTOR TO TREATY

Document Is Approved In Short Order And Now Up to U. S.

(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, Sept. 30.—Approval of the peace treaty with the United States was voted by the Reichstag today. Debate on the bill ratifying the treaty was dispensed with by agreement of all parties except the communists, and thus but a few minutes were required for the proceedings. When the treaty was reached on the day's calendar Herr Loeb, president of the Reichstag, asked if there were any objections to the bill, whereupon Walter Stoecker, communist, rushed to the speaker's stand and for fifteen minutes indulged in a denunciation of the treaty, describing it as a "mockery of President Wilson's fourteen points," and as having been dictated by American capital.

As none of the other parties desired to speak the bill immediately passed all three readings by a rising vote which showed an overwhelming majority.

### BUSINESS CONDITIONS GREATLY IMPROVE IN SEPTEMBER SAYS BOARD

Improved Price in Cotton Believed to Be Big Factor

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 30.—American business conditions improved decidedly during September in the view of the Federal Reserve Board, which made public tonight a distinctly optimistic review of conditions for the month. Important changes for the better were seen in the credit situation, "diminuted encouragement" in many basic business lines, and liquidation indicating increased ability of business to settle its accounts.

The "wholesome improvement," which the board's correspondents found in almost every section appeared to have been based largely on the advance in cotton prices. As a result of the higher cotton values liquidation has taken place and wholesale and retail trade has been buoyed up, the report said.

### Grid Warriors to Speed up Playing in Today's Games

(By Associated Press.)  
Atlanta, Sept. 30.—North Carolina's State's fast eleven which defeated the navy 14 to 7 last year, will meet the mid-shippers tomorrow in the chief football game of the day in which southern teams participate.

The clash at Danville, Ky., between Tennessee and Center, the meeting between Tulane and Mississippi College and that between Maryland University and Rutgers College of New Jersey also stand out among more than thirty contests in which the big teams generally still will be perfecting their plays against lighter opponents.

Much faster games are forecast for tomorrow than on last Saturday, when the season opened, as the cool weather of the last week had added the needed zest to work on the gridiron and much improvement has been reported.

### TWO SUBSTITUTES FOR TAX REVENUE BILL ARE OFFERED

Both Smoot and Simmons Have Practically New Measures

### SMOOT'S MOST DRASTIC

Utah Senator Would Repeal All Special War Taxes

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 30.—Two separate tax programs as substitutes for most of the levy provisions in the pending revenue revision bill were presented today to the senate, one from the Republican side and one from the Democratic side. Senator Smoot, of Utah, proposed:

A manufacturer's sale tax of 3 per cent. on articles as finally finished or produced for consumption or use.

Repeal of all of the special war taxes of whatever nature, including the excess profits and transportation levies.

Retention of the existing ten per cent. income tax on corporations.

Senator Smoot proposed no change in the committee plan with regard to individual income taxes or the existing tobacco, liquor and inheritance taxes.

### Prepositions By Simmons

Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, proposed:

A graduated income tax on corporations ranging from twelve and a half to 25 per cent. in lieu of the excess profits tax.

Restoration of the income sur-tax rates to a maximum of 52 per cent. on incomes in excess of \$500,000.

Repeal of the transportation taxes on freight, passenger and Pullman accommodations.

Retention of the corporation capital stock tax.

Repeal of the \$2,000 exemption allowed corporations.

That individual exemptions be confined to incomes below \$20,000.

Slight reductions in the normal rates on incomes below \$20,000.

Senator Simmons told the senate there could be an agreement for an equitable readjustment of the taxes so that the several groups of taxpayers would be on a parity as proposed in the Democratic program, he personally would be willing to give serious consideration to a manufacturer's sale or consumption tax probably safeguarded as a substitute for all of the miscellaneous taxes imposed under the present law.

The North Carolina senator appealed to parties to get together in an effort to work out a bill meeting the requirements of the present situation and conditions.

### Palm Beach Body Claims Drainage Charges are False

(By Associated Press.)  
West Palm Beach, Sept. 30.—In a voluminous report submitted today by a committee of the chamber of commerce, no provocation is found for charges made against the supervisor and contractor by an association of tax payers representing a minority of the 132,000 acres in the Lake Worth drainage district.

The chamber's report controverts a report made by an auditing firm employed by the association, which recommended that Governor Hardee be asked to remove the supervisors and that suits be instituted for the recovery of money alleged to have been paid out without authority. The report declares that in view of conditions existing during the period of execution of the plan for reclama-

### DR. BELCHER FOUND NOT GUILTY OF MURDER OF MISS VIRGINIA TURNER

Tarpon Springs Physician Is Given His Freedom

(By Associated Press.)  
Clearwater, Sept. 30.—Dr. I. J. Belcher, Tarpon Springs physician, on trial for manslaughter in connection with the death of his cousin, Miss Virginia Turner, was found not guilty by a jury in circuit court early tonight. The jury deliberated for about an hour. The physician was found not guilty of either of the two counts of an indictment returned against him.

The body of Miss Turner was found floating in a creek by two small boys on September 27. A coroner's jury held that she had died as a result of a criminal operation. The body exhibited a stab wound above the heart and a broken arm.

Dr. Belcher was arrested two days later in connection with the case. Intense popular feeling developed and Dr. Belcher was carried to Tampa for safe keeping. Upon his return to Clearwater, however, the ill feeling had entirely dissipated. The two families were widely connected in this part of the state. The defendant did not take the stand in his own behalf.

### Joke Conference On Unemployment Has Suggestions

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 30.—Formulation of an emergency program designed to effect the immediate relief of the nation's idle, variously estimated at from 3,500,000 to 5,000,000 persons, was completed today by the national conference on unemployment with the adopting of specific measures recommended by committees.

The conference then adjourned until October 10, when it will consider a permanent unemployment policy and suggestions for the return of business and commerce to normal. Meanwhile its committees will work on details of these subjects.

The conference found the task of meeting the unemployment emergency was primarily a community one, with the responsibility of leadership and its solution resting on the mayors, Federal, state and municipal aid, however, was urged. Particular reference was made by the conference to the connection between prices and the solution of the country's economic questions.

Specific recommendations adopted by the conference for emergency relief:

Emergency committees representing the various elements of the communities to establish public employment agencies and coordinate distribution of work.

Publicity by the committees of the numbers dependent upon them for employment and the prevention of uncoordinated solicitation of funds.

Private houses, hotels, offices, etc., to contribute by doing their repairs, cleaning and alterations during the winter instead of in the spring when employment would be more plentiful.

Municipalities to expand their school, street, sewerage, repair work and public buildings to the fullest volume compatible with existing circumstances.

Governors to unite all state agencies in support of the mayors and expedite the construction of state building, etc.

Federal authorities, including the Federal Reserve Bank, to expedite the construction of public buildings and work covered by existing appropriations.

Congressional appropriations at the present session for roads to make available employment.

tion the costs are not excessive and compares favorably with costs of similar work elsewhere.

### UNRESERVED ACCEPTANCE IS SENT TO THE PREMIER

Business-like Letter Is Sent Urging Talk and Not Writing

### STATUS NOT MENTIONED

Momentous Meeting To Be Held in London October 11

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Sept. 30.—In a brief, business-like message, Eamon DeValera this evening informed Premier Lloyd George of his acceptance of the Premier's invitation for a conference in London, October 11, on the Irish question, thus clearing the way for a momentous attempt to settle the centuries old problem between Ireland and Great Britain.

The reply raised no question as to the status of the Sinn Fein delegates and no further correspondence with the Irish leader is expected. "Our respective positions have been stated and understood and we agree that conference, not correspondence, is the most practical and hopeful way to an understanding," said Mr. DeValera's message in announcing that the Irish delegates would meet Mr. Lloyd George on the date the Premier set.

### One Hour Longest Any Senator May Talk on Treaties

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 29.—An agreement was reached by the senate late today to impose a debate time limit of one hour on each senator in consideration of the peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary, beginning October 14, in order to expedite a vote on ratification.

Under the agreement it is expected that the vote will be reached on October 14 or 15.

The original plan for an agreement to vote on October 14 was abandoned after Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, and Senator Underwood had found that unanimous consent would not be given for a specific day on which to take final action. Leaders tonight expressed the opinion that the debate would not be protracted after the hour rule goes into effect. The agreement also provides that senators shall be limited to ten minutes for consideration of reservations.

### HAGEN WILL MEET WINNER OF BARNES-FRENCH MATCH

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Sept. 30.—Walter Hagen, of Detroit, defeated Cyril Walker, Englewood, N. J., five and four in the semi-final rounds of the professional golfers championship tournament at the Inwood Country club today. He will play the winner of the match between Jim Barnes, national open champion, and Emmet French, of Youngstown, O., tomorrow.

Barnes and French had only played six holes this afternoon when a heavy downpour set in and they decided to quit. Barnes was two up at the time. They will resume play early tomorrow morning at the seventh tee.